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BJB2: We usually start Tapped In discussions with introductions.

BJB2: please tell Jeff where you are located and what you teach or hope to teach

TeresaMJ: San Diego and math

VanessaGa: I am from Kingsville and hope to teach 3rd grade reading

AleydaC: Hi Jeff!! I am in Hebronville, Texas :) and I WILL be a math teacher

JessikaRC: Corpus Christi, English

MarleniG: HI !

BJB2: welcome, Marleni. We're just finishing up introductions

JeffC: Hi all

JessikaRC: hello

JeffC: Today we're going to look at a portal site.

JeffC: There are a number of Web 2 tools off of it... and a few of the sites focus on math.

AleydaC: sounds good

JeffC: The main site is <http://snurl.com/web2tools> ...and a few of the sites there that deal with math are Mathletics, Classtools, and Academic Builders.

JeffC: There's also one that has an excellent graphing calculator (if I can find it).

AleydaC: awesome!!

JeffC: So... what I'd like to do is have people go there... visit a site, and report back here.

VanessaGa: yes sir

RonyP: ok

MarleniG: Oh okay

JeffC: So... hold the Ctrl key down (or best to accept popups from this site) and go to <http://snurl.com/web2tools>

JeffC: take a look at either Mathletics, Classtools, Academic Builders, or any other site that interests you and then come back here and report.

AleydaC: Jeff is it a simple spark website??

JeffC: yes

AleydaC: ok

RonyP: wow there are a lot of tools

VanessaGa: Jeff, we can choose any website on simple spark

JeffC: others include <http://www.teachexplain.com>
<http://simplespark.com/account/add/grades-grow-tutors/http://simplespark.com/catalog/tutpup/>

JeffC: yes Vanessa... obviously today we're looking mostly at math sites.

JeffC: <http://simplespark.com/catalog/piggy-bank-inc/>

AleydaC: that is awesome!

JeffC: so... go and spend about 10 minutes and come back.

JeffC: report back when you can about the sites you visited... I'll add the direct links to the various sites on the Whiteboard while you're browsing.

JeffC: and create shortened redirects to make your lives easier (in the future).

AleydaC: I love the piggy bank website...it's so convenient

JessikaRC: I like the calculator

AleydaC: where's the calculator...paste the website

JessikaRC: www.teachexplain.com

AleydaC: thanks Jess

JessikaRC: no prob

MarleniG: my favorite is the metronome site

RonyP: I also like the piggy bank site, could come in handy one day

AleydaC: could come in handy now :) it would be a good money lesson for middle school

VanessaGa: <http://www.schoolkidscomefirst.com/>

RonyP: really huh

VanessaGa: yeah the piggy bank is cute

TeresaMJ: what about tuition coach

VanessaGa: I like this website because its great exercise for kids

VanessaGa: and they raised lots of money doing it

MarleniG: cueflash is great so you can make your own flash cards, it sounds great

JeffC: ok... I've put in redirects to the 8 math related sites I found there... they're on the whiteboard now... and I'll paste them in here for your transcripts:

TeresaMJ: I want to go to <http://galaxyzoo.org/>

JeffC: <http://snurl.com/piggybankinc>

JeffC: <http://snurl.com/tutpup>

JeffC: <http://snurl.com/gradesgrow>

JeffC: <http://snurl.com/teachexplain>

JeffC: <http://snurl.com/arcademic>

JeffC: <http://snurl.com/mathletics>

JeffC: <http://snurl.com/graphingcalculator>

JessikaRC: thank you

AleydaC: MARLENI what is the website

MarleniG: cueflash

AleydaC: .com?

MarleniG: yes

JeffC: btw... <http://snurl.com> is a must resources for educators... you can parse very long URLs down to very short ones (and edit them so you'll know what they are). Does cueflash have math flash cards?

MarleniG: Yes, and you can make your own

AleydaC: there are so many resources...I'm loving this website

VanessaGa: graphing calculator is neat

TeresaMJ: yea

MarleniG: I love that site because they have music flash cards

AleydaC: yeah, math teachers would love this!!

TeresaMJ: I could of used it in high school

RonyP: me too

JeffC: since you can create your own flashcard decks (check the "big deck") on <http://www.cueflash.com> there are a number of math related decks.

AleydaC: awesome!! flashcards are the best way to learn sometimes

AleydaC: in my past experience

RonyP: still to this day they help me

JeffC: OK... how's everybody doing?

AleydaC: great!!

VanessaGa: I'm really liking those flash cards

JessikaRC: I really like this

JeffC: of course, for little kids and math, nothing beats <http://www.starfall.com>

VanessaGa: same here

AleydaC: is that a math website Jeff?

VanessaGa: oh my goodness. I love that website

MarleniG: wow star fall is great!

VanessaGa: starfall

JeffC: ok... let's go down the list of sites on the Whiteboard and put in a few sentences. Yup... starfall is for pre-school students... math and reading.

AleydaC: oh ok

JeffC: First...

JeffC: <http://snurl.com/piggybankinc>

JeffC: Did anyone think to create an account for their family?

VanessaGa: no, good idea

TeresaMJ: maybe

AleydaC: actually yes...it would be a convenient way to keep track and let everyone get involved

JessikaRC: that would help a lot

RonyP: my family is too lazy

VanessaGa: my son would love it

TeresaMJ: nice

VanessaGa: he's really into computers

AleydaC: Jeff how do you get the list on the whiteboard without refreshing? is it possible?

MarleniG: I wish I had the graphing calculator site when I was in high school

RonyP: I thought more people would show up

TeresaMJ: at least you would not have to buy a calculator

RonyP smiles

JeffC: click the Whiteboard link on the left of the top frame Aleyda

AleydaC: ok thank you

JeffC: I've set up my account at piggybankinc and will be tracking allowances for my three kids.

VanessaGa: that's neat

AleydaC: wow that's great!! is it fairly easy to do

JeffC: <http://snurl.com/tutpup> is for lower grades in math.

AleydaC: I LOVE this website

MarleniG: tutpup is great! I'm going to use it for my little cousin

JeffC: I think it's important since with all the emphasis on math standards, it's important to get the kids playing and learning early.

JeffC: personally I'm appalled that times tables aren't even a standard in my state until 4th grade.

AleydaC: Yes, that's how they will probably get the most out of learning math

JessikaRC: wow

AleydaC: most children get discouraged with math easily

MarleniG: yes, they should associate math with fun

AleydaC: this would make it so fun for them

JeffC: unless and until we start really challenging our kids, we'll continue to lag behind the rest of the world. Personally, I learned my times tables in 2nd grade.

RonyP: are u serious Jeff

JeffC: yup... I think so, Aleyda.

JeffC: yup... I'm serious Rony

MarleniG: It took me forever to learn anything with math

JessikaRC: I've always liked math..

AleydaC: Math is a subject that takes a lot of patience

RonyP: who need math anyway Marleni

RonyP: lol

AleydaC: me too Jessika

MarleniG: I do, I'm a musician, I need math to read music!

MarleniG: and I hope my band students realize that soon

JeffC: Grades Grow Tutors <http://snurl.com/gradesgrow> is a one on one personal tutoring site.

JeffC: Now... one thing I haven't been able to find out there is *how much it costs*.

AleydaC: same here

AleydaC: but it has a lot of neat things going on with it

AleydaC smiles

JeffC: There are a number of music sites at the <http://snurl.com/web2tools> site, Marleni.

TeresaMJ: 79.99\$ a month for summer program

MarleniG: thanks Jeff

JeffC: Thanks Teresa

JeffC: Teach Explain <http://teachexplain.com/> or <http://snurl.com/teachexplain> is an excellent site for learning simple math processes. You have a very basic calculator and when you type in a function it gives you the way the problem is solved.

RonyP: that's not too bad at all

RonyP: is it efficient

AleydaC: that is a great tool for tutors

JessikaRC: I liked that a lot

JeffC: Arcademic Builders <http://snurl.com/arcademic> has a number of fun games

(variety of subjects)... where the learning is integrated into the game.

AleydaC: like an arcade...good way to get a child interested

JessikaRC: I think those are the best ways to teach students

VanessaGa: I agree

VanessaGa: this would be excellent for my son

AleydaC: what more can they ask for... playing video games !!

RonyP: I wish we had learning video games more readily available to us

VanessaGa: I really like meteor multiplication

JeffC: Mathletics <http://snurl.com/mathletics> is a New Zealand subscription site that costs \$99 a year. Now... if that's New Zealand dollars that means it's \$74.91 according to <http://www.x-rates.com/calculator.html>

JeffC: They have curriculum for *all grades*... looks like a great site (if you can afford it).

AleydaC: yes, the curriculums look good

JessikaRC: yes it does

MarleniG: I like the xrates calculator

AleydaC: Jeff quick question off the subject...is this a 1 hour discussion

JeffC: yup

MarleniG: wow the hour flew by!

JeffC: right after this is the Science Resources discussion... I was hoping to use the same web2tools site for our springboard.

JessikaRC: yeah it did!

VanessaGa: you're telling me

VanessaGa: I didn't realize it till you mentioned that

VanessaGa: good idea

JeffC: however there's only one science site there... but since it's a science search engine I may be in luck.

JeffC: ok... now... if you're a math teacher *please be sure to join this group before you leave today*.

JeffC: you do that by clicking the little "i" in the Welcome box in the top frame, then clicking the link to "join this group."

JeffC: I'm hoping to inspire the members of this group to host a session next school year.

MarleniG: that's cool

JeffC: I'm not a math teacher, but just facilitate this group. I'd love the math teachers to take the lead and really get things flowing for next year.

JessikaRC: okay!

AleydaC: SOUNDS GOOD

JeffC: I'm going to have to go afk for 5 minutes before the next group starts. Please type in other questions/comments, and thanks for coming today!

JeffC goes afk for 5.

MarleniG: bye!

VanessaGa: thank you Jeff

TeresaMJ: bye thanks

VanessaGa: good luck on finals